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1. A Soviet military headquarters was located in the court of appeals building on Trajanstraase, opposite the main railroad station. The adjoining building to the east served as billets for Soviet officers and EM. An underground air raid shelter was built into the deep slope above the harbor, south of the court building. Sentries wearing red-bordered black epaulets, red epaulets and black epaulets were seen in front of the headquarters from 2 to 4 June 1950. About 15 high-ranking officers and one general entered the headquarters building on one day. *
2. The former Rumanian Naval Infantry Barracks on Mircea Street was guarded by Soviet naval personnel on 1 June 1950. Soviet and Rumanian personnel were seen in the barracks yard. **
3. A Soviet EM club was in the former Mircea High School building on the extension of Stefan cel. Mare Street, at the corner of Mircea Street. Soviet athletic fields were in a section of the People's Garden, surrounded by a barbed wire fence. *
4. About 60 AA guns, most of them with long barrels, were in the yard of a barracks farther to the north on Mircea Street. ***
5. A Rumanian AAA battery was emplaced on top of the steep slope over the harbor. This position was near the municipal hospital, formerly the Dr. Sion Hospital and near the industrial school for girls. Three AA guns of about 88 mm caliber and three Bofors guns of about 40 mm caliber were seen.
6. A radar set with the appearance of a large, concave disc was installed in a house on the Black Sea coast near the Export Slaughterhouse. The house was surrounded by a barbed wire fence. Several lead-in wires ran from the radar set to the house. A Rumanian sentry stood in the driveway to the house.

25X1A * [REDACTED] Comment. Another report by the same source on Soviet troops being entrained in the Constanta area in mid-May 1950 constitutes the first information on Soviet troops in that area since early January 1950. It is not known whether the Soviet troops observed in Constanta in early June 1950 were those who arrived by rail in May 1950 or whether they have been stationed in Constanta for a long time. In a report of February 1950,

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mentioned only Soviet offices, apparently supply instal-

lations, in Constanta.

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Comment. No AA guns have so far been observed in a barracks on Mircea Street. However, about 40 AA guns on four-wheel mounts were observed in a barracks south of the Marasti Barracks on Stalin Street in January 1950 by another fairly reliable source.

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